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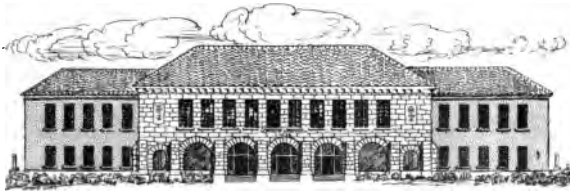
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## PREFACE

The subject-matter of this book has been selected and arranged for the special purpose of applying the method and work of the Natural Reading Manual.

The manual contains full and complete directions, and the work is to be developed as there indicated. Therefore reading designed for drill purposes only is omitted from the primer.

An effort has been made to depart from the monotony of continuous short sentences, and to use, as far as possible, the child's natural forms of expression.

While this book has been prepared for the purpose of applying the principles developed in the manual, it may also be used as supplementary to any other series of readers.





# NATURAL READING PRIMER

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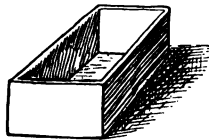
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I have a doll.



I have a nut.

I have a top.

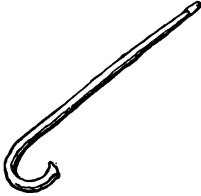


I have a box.

I have a cup.



Mamma has a chair.



Papa has a cane.

Baby has a doll.



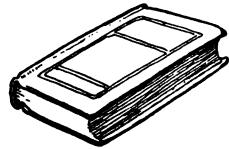
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Baby has a kitten.



Mamma has a clock.

Papa has a book.



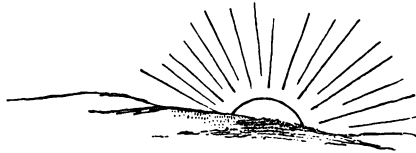
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I see a ship.



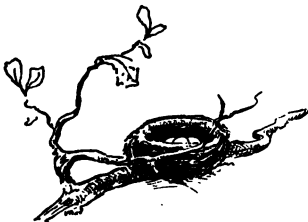
I see the sun.



I saw a tree.



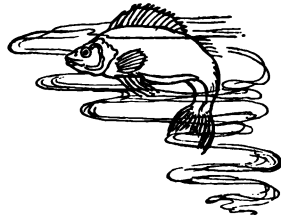
I saw a bird.



I saw a nest.



I see a boy.



I see a fish.



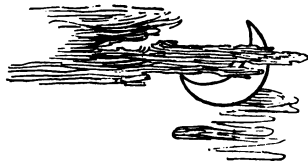
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I see the clock.

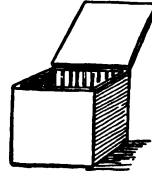


I saw some ice.

I saw the moon.



We have a red box.



This top is green.



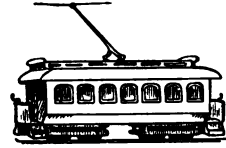
My dog is black.



I have a pink.



I saw a yellow car.



We have a black cow.

I see a violet.



My horse is white.

We have a cow.

We have a horse.

We have a dog.

We have a cat.

We have a kitten.

My horse can run.

My dog can play.

My kitten can play.

I can play with my kitten.



A girl and a boy.

A baby and a kitten.

A doll and a chair.

A dog and a cat.

The sun and the moon.

The bird and the nest.

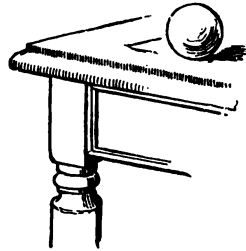
The horse and the cow.

The ball and the top.

Put the doll in the chair.



Put the ball on the



Put the nut in  
the box.



Put the top by the book.



Put the green ball  
or the red ball  
in the box.

Put the broom  
and the cane  
by the chair.

Put the top  
or the book  
on the chair.

Put the doll  
and the kitten  
in the ship.

Put some nuts  
or some violets  
by the cup.

Play horse with this rope.

Sit in the chair and read this book.

Take the ball or the top.

Play with the kitten or the dog.

Put the little doll by the big doll.

Make a cup and a fish.

Play see-saw with the boy.

Sit by a girl or a boy.

Jump this rope.

Jump or run.



Catch this little girl.

Baby's kitten and mamma's cat.

Papa's horse and baby's bird.

Mamma's clock and papa's chair.

Baby is little.

I am big.

Baby's kitten is little.

My dog is big.



I can jump rope.  
I can play with you.  
I can catch you.  
I can read.  
I can sing.  
I can catch a fish.  
I can make a cake.

I can run.  
I can walk.  
I can jump.  
I can catch a ball.  
I can play see-saw.  
I can ride a horse.  
I can sit on the chair.



Grace has

a pet kitten,

a pet cat,

a pet dog,

a pet bird,

a pet hen.



Grace loves

her kitten,

her big cat,

her dog,

her bird,

her hen.





Can you catch a ball?

Can you ride a horse?

Can you jump a rope?

Can you play see-saw?

Can you read a book?

Can you sing?

Can you make a cake?

Can you run?

Can you catch this boy?

Can you play with baby?

Can baby play?

Can the dog jump?

Can papa's horse run?

Ned is a big boy.

Ned can run far.

We can run a race with my big dog.

Run, run, big dog.

Race with Ned.



Come and play ball.

Here is the bat and here is the ball.

You can take the bat.

I am catcher.

Jip runs to get the ball.

Can you play ball, Jip?

You can say, "Bow, wow, wow ;  
bow, wow, wow."





Run a race with me.  
Run to that tree and back.  
I can win. I can win.

Run, run, run.  
Oh! see the fun.

A nice dish of rice  
For some little white mice.



We ran to the tree and back.  
Now we can rest by this big rock.  
How far can you run?

Can you cook?

Can you cook a nice supper for papa?

Can you bake a cake?

I like nut cake best.

Cut the cake and make  
some tea.

This cup is for mamma.



Hip, hip, hop,  
Chip, chip, chop,  
Tip, tip, top,  
Can you hop?



Papa likes to go fishing.  
 He can fish in the bay.  
 Baby can fish in the little  
 brook.

She has a pin for a fish-hook.  
 Bite baby's hook, little fish.  
 Baby wants to catch you.

Jig, jog, jig, jog,  
 Here is the dog  
 That sat on the log.



Grace has a mocking bird.

It can mock the cat.



This is Poll.



Poll likes to mock the dog.

Poll can say, "Bow, wow, wow;



bow, wow, wow."

Pretty Poll. Pretty Poll.

Do you want a cracker?



We have a pretty  
baby sister.

She has cunning  
little fat hands.

She can play pat-  
a-cake.

Baby goes to bed  
when the little birds go.



Rock-a-by, baby  
On the tree top.



A wee, wee bird in a wee,  
wee nest.

A little fish in a little  
dish.



How tall is baby?

Baby is so tall.

Grace is taller than baby, mamma is taller than Grace, and papa is the tallest of all.

How tall is baby's doll?

Let me see.

Put the doll here by this wall. Now come here, baby.

O, baby is taller. The doll is so little.

Now put all the dolls up here by the wall. Baby's doll, then Grace's doll, and my doll.

Grace's big doll is the tallest. My doll is taller than baby's.

When you get big, baby, you can have a big doll. Now baby is little and her doll is little, too.

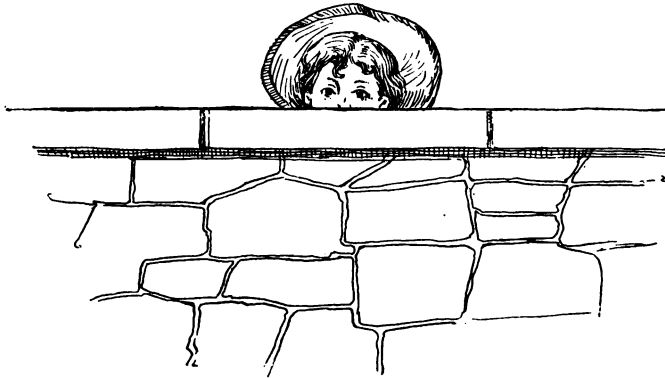
My baby sister can talk now.

She talks, and talks, and talks.

Papa calls her his little chatterbox.

She can say, "How do you do?"

She can say, "I love you."



I am so tall

I can see over the wall.

Grace is rocking the baby and  
mamma is resting.

Grace sings, “By, baby, by.”

Baby likes to rock in mamma’s big  
chair.

Baby has a lit-  
tle rocking-chair.

Have you a  
rocking-chair?



Come and play with me.  
This is my best  
doll.

You may take her.  
Don't let her fall  
and bump her face.



See her pretty pink hat.

My baby doll has a lace  
bonnet.



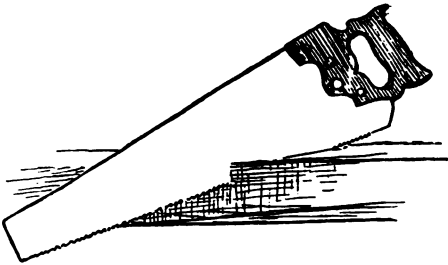
I love you, baby doll.  
Come here and let me  
rock you.

Here is Jack-in-the-box.

Go back into the box, Jack.

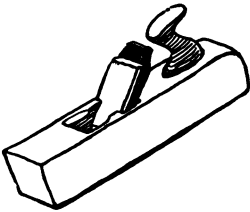
Baby doll doesn't like you.





I am a carpenter.

I have a hammer and a  
saw and a plane.

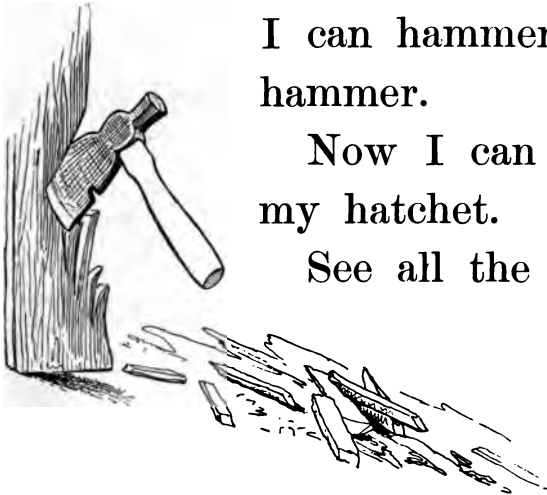


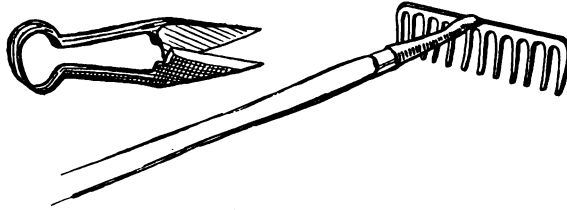
Can I make something  
for you?

I can saw, saw, saw, and  
I can hammer, hammer,  
hammer.

Now I can chop with  
my hatchet.

See all the chips.





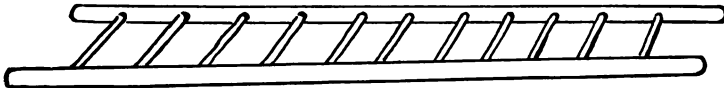
Now I am a gardener.  
May I dig the garden for  
you to-day?

I can trim the trees.

See my big ladder.

I can get up to the tops  
of the trees.

I can rake the garden  
walks.





I like jam,  
But my dog likes ham.

The kitten took a nap  
In my little red cap.

Bob and Ben,  
Tom and Ted,  
Up at six,  
At six to bed.

Rig, jig, jig,  
A pig with a wig.





Baby has a bib.

I am big. I have no bib.

I went fishing, but I did not catch  
a fish.

We have a big fig tree.

I can get up to the top of it.

My cat likes to play with Jip.  
Jip hid in the box.  
The cat saw him in the box.  
Then she ran up the fig tree.  
Did they play tag?

Rub-a-dub-dub,  
Three men in a tub.



Jack and Dan like to play tag.

Grace and Nan like to play tag, too.

They all run, and run, and run.

Don is the dog. It is fun to see  
Don play tag.

Jip is the fat pup.

Jip is too fat to run.

You can play tag with us when you  
get big, Jip.



Jack, and Dan, and Grace, and Nan,  
Ran, and ran, and ran, and ran.



See the hay. See the hay.  
Let's play in it.  
I like to jump in the hay.  
Some day papa can take the hay  
in the big wagon.  
Then we can ride on the hay.  
Did you ever ride on a hay wagon?



Here is Don.

Don is black and white.

He can sit up and beg.

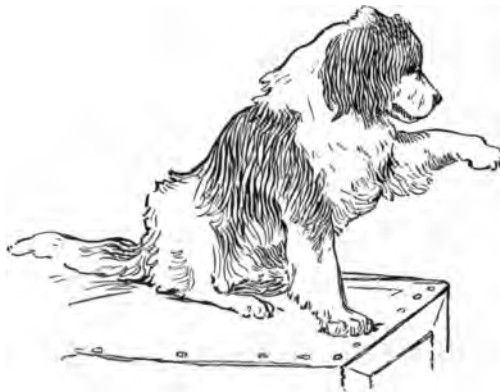
Here, Don. Here is a bun for you.

Catch it, Don ; catch it.

Now get up on this box.

Let me take your paw.

Can you say, "How do you do?"



Come and see my tin shop.

Tin pans and tin cups.

Big pans and little pans.

Big cups and little cups.

Here is a big tin pan for mamma.

She can bake a cake in it.



Here, mamma, here is a nice big tin pan for you.

Here is a red tin mug, Dan. Do you want it? You can take the mug or this little cup.

Do you want a cup, Grace?

Take this teapot too.

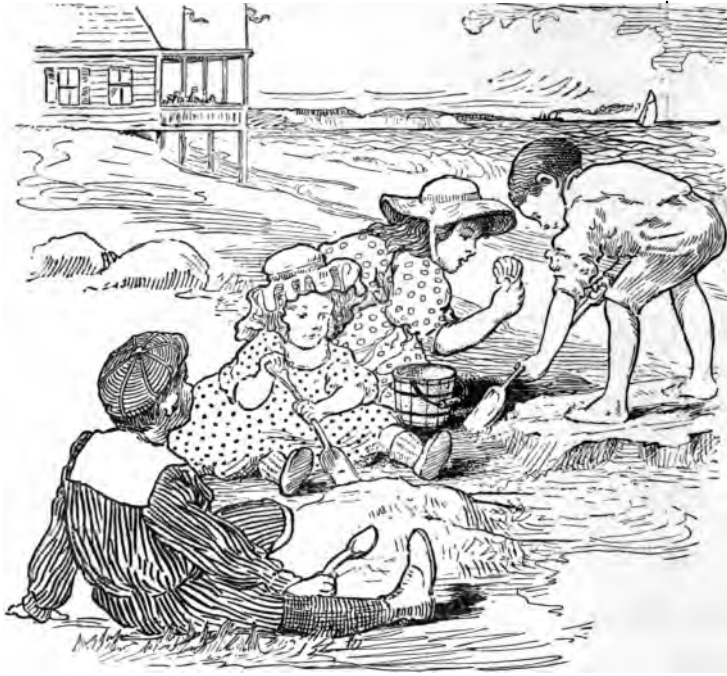
The doll's tub is for baby.



Tin pans. Tin pans.

Big pans and little pans.

Big cups and little cups.



We like to play in the sand.  
The sun makes the sand hot.  
We can dig in the hot sand and  
make a big sand hill.  
We can pick up shells, too.  
Nell has a pretty pink shell.  
She will take it to mamma.



Nell likes to rock Baby Bess.

Baby Bess likes to rock the doll.

Sister Nell loves Baby Bess.

Baby Bess loves her doll.

When the doll is sick, Baby Bess  
will kiss it and make it well.

But Sister Nell will kiss Baby  
Bess.



Six hats on the hat rack.

Papa's hat, Will's hat, and Dick's hat.

That makes three.

Jack's hat, Nell's hat, and Mack's hat.

That makes six.

Rob's cap fell off the hat rack.

Pick it up, Rob. Pick it up.

A big bun for a little baby.

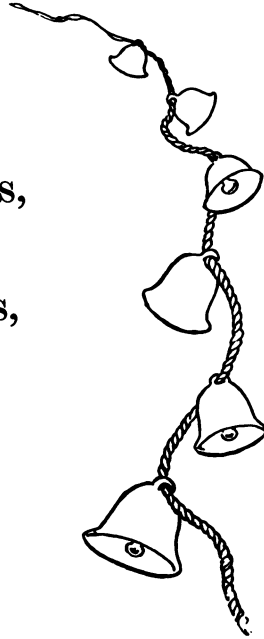
We fed the fat fish.

Ring the bell.

The big bell rings,  
ding-dong, ding-dong.

The little bell rings,  
ting-a-ling-a-ling.

The big gong rings,  
dong, dong, dong.



Ding-dong bell,  
Pussy is in the well.

Pitter, patter, pat,  
Chitter, chatter, chat.

Mamma is mending my dress.

Rob is blacking his  

Dick is fishing in the pond.

Nell is singing to mamma.

Pussy is catching the ball.

Baby Bess is rocking her doll.

Grace is picking up shells.

Papa is reading.

The pup is playing with Frank.

Tick-tock,

See the clock.

Rap-a-tap-tap,

Tick-a-tack too.



We have some chickens.

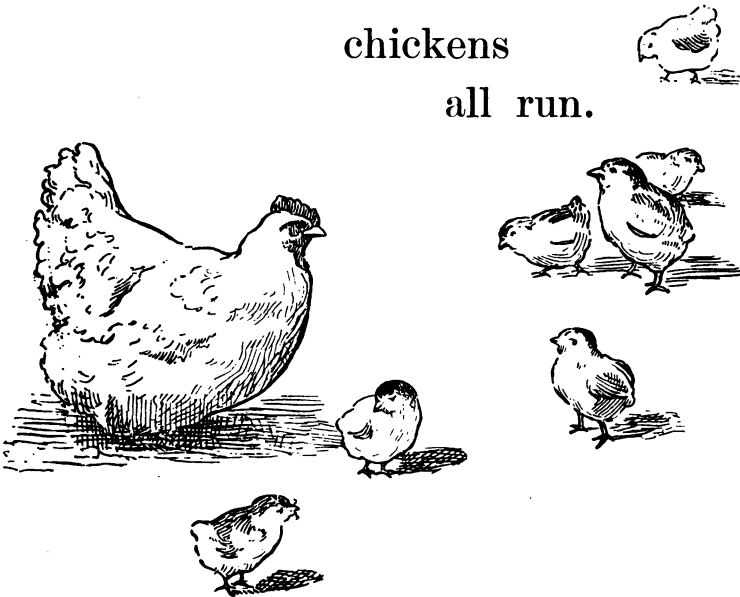
We have ten white chickens and  
ten black ones.

One big white hen has seven little  
baby chickens.

Grace calls, "Here chick, chick, chick.  
Come here and get this nice dinner."

Then the big chickens  
and the little  
chickens

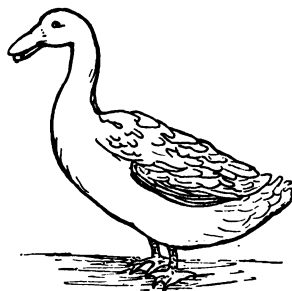
all run.



We saw a frog on a plank.

Then it went splash

into the pond.



Be quick and hear  
the duck go “Quack, quack, quack.”

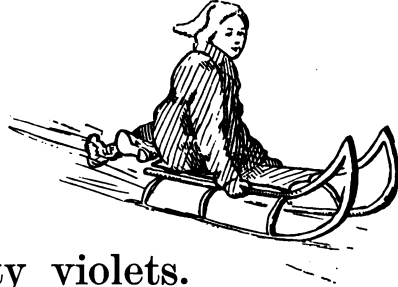
Do you like to swing? Come and  
swing with me. We have a swing  
under the big tree.



See my dress all spick and span.

Don’t spill the ink and make a spot  
on it.

Ben sat on the sled and slid down  
hill.



Spin the top.  
Smell the pretty violets.  
Snap the whip.  
Drink the milk.

I drank some milk  
and did not spill a drop.



Jack Sprat  
Could eat no fat.

Here is a string for pussy to play  
with. Come, pussy, pussy.

Baby likes to cuddle down in her  
little bed.



Tuck her up and  
sing to her.

Then she will go  
to sleep.

Jack be nimble,  
Jack be quick,  
Jack jump over  
the candlestick.



We are going  
to have a picnic  
when summer  
comes.



It is tea time.

Polly put the kettle on.

We will all stay to tea.

Make the kettle go bubble,  
bubble, bubble.

Uncle Will likes to  
see his little Polly get-  
ting tea.



Polly put the kettle  
on,

Polly put the kettle  
on,

Polly put the kettle on,  
And

let's

have

tea.



Little Kate likes to make mud cakes.  
She made a nice mud cake and put  
it in the sun to bake.

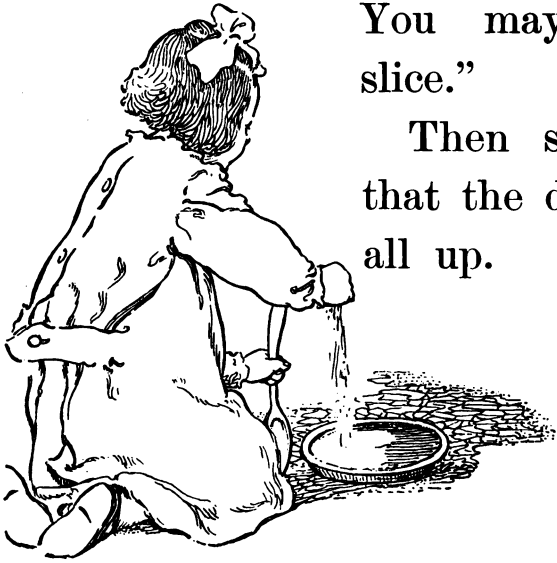
She put some white sand on it.  
That was the frosting.

The cake was for the dolls.

When the cake was baked, little  
Kate called, "Ting-a-ling-a-ling. Come  
to dinner. See this nice frosted cake.

You may have a  
slice."

Then she played  
that the dolls ate it  
all up.



Said these five white mice,  
“See this nice dish of rice.



We will  
dine



on this rice,”

Said these five white mice.

When these mice saw some ice,  
They said, “Let’s have a slice.  
We like ice with our rice,”  
Said these five white mice.





One day we had a stage ride.  
Mamma went, too.

We rode nine miles from home.  
That was the end of the stage ride.

Then we said, "What a nice place  
this is! Let's stop here and have  
a picnic."

Mamma sat in the shade by the  
big pine tree. All the children went  
to play.



The boys liked to slide on the hill. Frank said, "Let's play that this is ice; then we can skate."

Then we made a bonfire, but it made too much smoke.

Nell saw a vine with some nice ripe grapes on it. She picked some grapes for mamma.

Rob had a big rope and made a swing.

Grace saw a pretty bird.

At five o'clock it was time for the stage. Then we all rode, and rode, and rode, until we rode home.



This little dog  
has a chain.

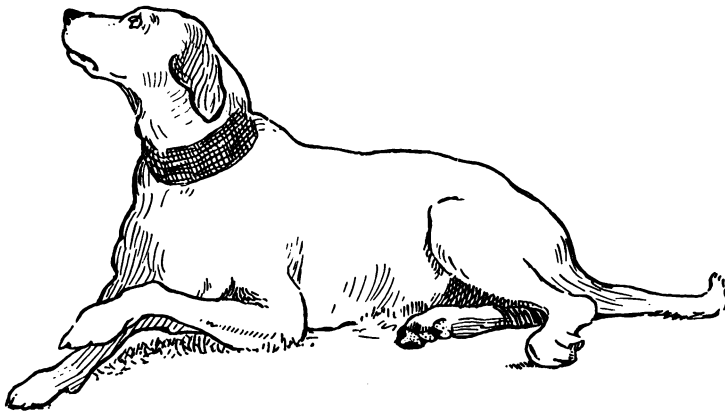
It is to chain him  
so that he cannot  
run away.

He will not stay  
at home. He runs  
off with stray dogs.



We are not afraid to play with  
him.

My dog Tray is a good old dog.



He has no chain.

He is too old to play, but he waits for us by the gate. We find him waiting when we go home.

He waits for papa, too. Papa finds him waiting when he comes from the train.

Then papa pats him and calls him "Good dog Tray."



Rain, rain,  
Go away,  
Come again another day,  
Little Polly wants to play.



Pussy cat, pussy cat,  
Where have you been?  
I've been to London  
To see the queen.

Sometimes we go fishing down at  
the bay.

Papa goes with us and we stay  
all day.

We take some fishing poles and a big lunch basket. We eat a basketful of lunch when we stay all day.

Mamma says, “ If you eat a basketful of lunch, you must bring back a basketful of fish.”

One day the basket fell into the bay. Papa had to wade to get it.

Sometimes we go for a sail on the bay. One day it began to rain and hail, and we had to sail back to the landing.







A little maid sat down by the sea.  
She lost the green ribbon from her  
braid.

Then she began to weep and wail.  
A little fish said, "Little maid, why  
do you weep and wail?"

"Oh!" said the little maid; "I have  
lost the green ribbon from my braid."

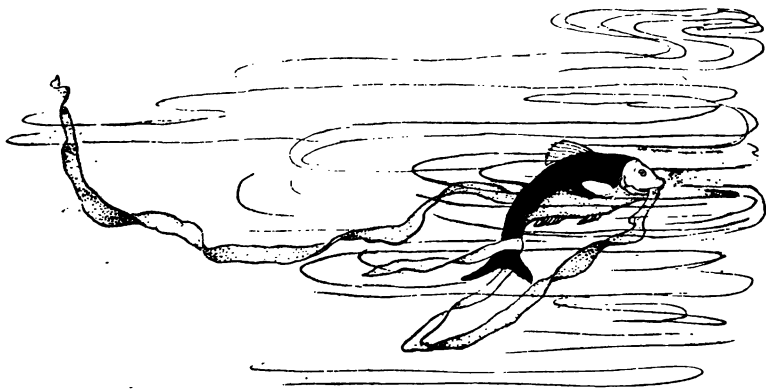
Then the little fish said: "Do not weep and wail, little maid. I will get you a green ribbon."

So he went down into the sea.

When he came back he had some green sea-weed on his tail.

He said, "Take this sea-weed for a green ribbon, little maid."

And the little maid tied the green sea-weed on her braid. Then she said, "That is a very nice green ribbon, little fish."



We planted three peach trees. Some day we can have some peaches. Do you like peaches and cream?



We saw a big black beetle yesterday. Baby was afraid of it, and she ran away. But the beetle was afraid too.



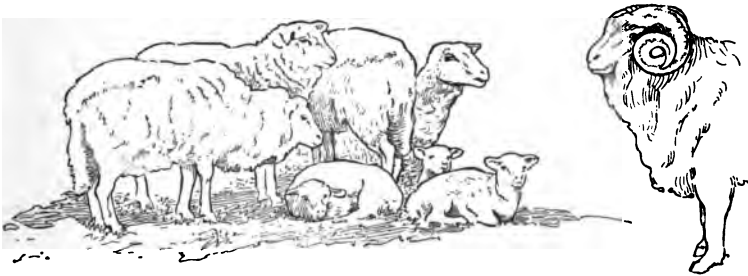
Hey diddle  
diddle,

The cat and  
the fiddle,

The cow jumped  
over the moon.



Little Bo-Peep  
Has lost her sheep,  
And cannot tell where to find them.  
Leave them alone,  
And they will come home,  
And bring their tails  
behind them.

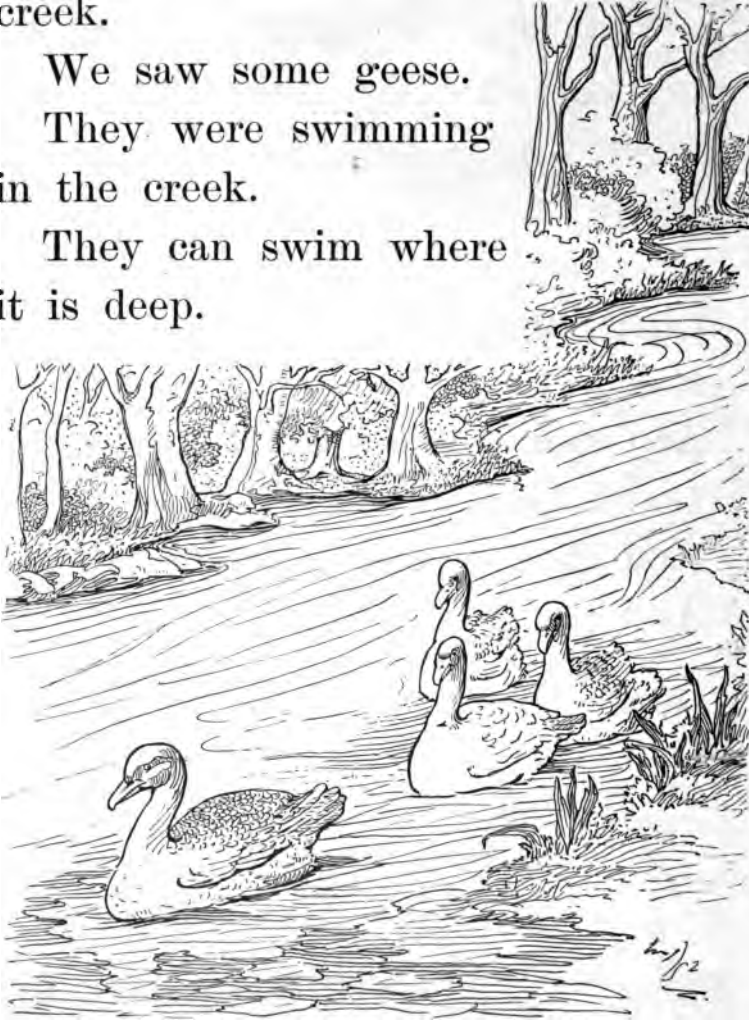


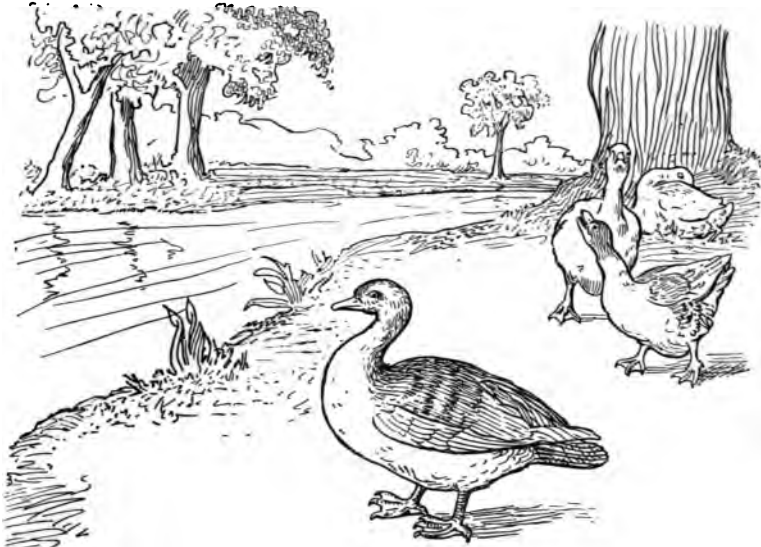
One day we went to wade in the creek.

We saw some geese.

They were swimming  
in the creek.

They can swim where  
it is deep.





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We tried to feed the geese.

We said, "Come old geese ; we want to feed you."

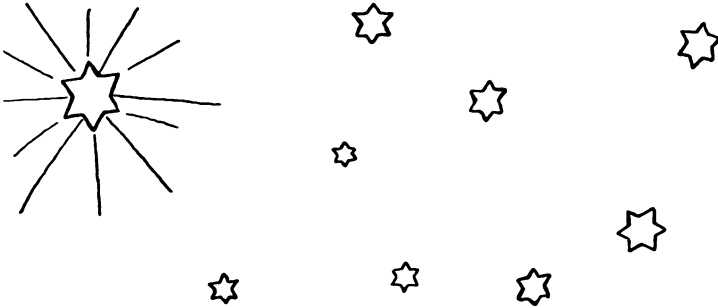
But the old geese went up the steep bank.

They went to sleep under a big green tree.

Tweedle-dum and Tweedle-dee  
Agreed to have a battle,  
For Tweedle-dum said Tweedle-dee  
Had lost his nice big rattle.



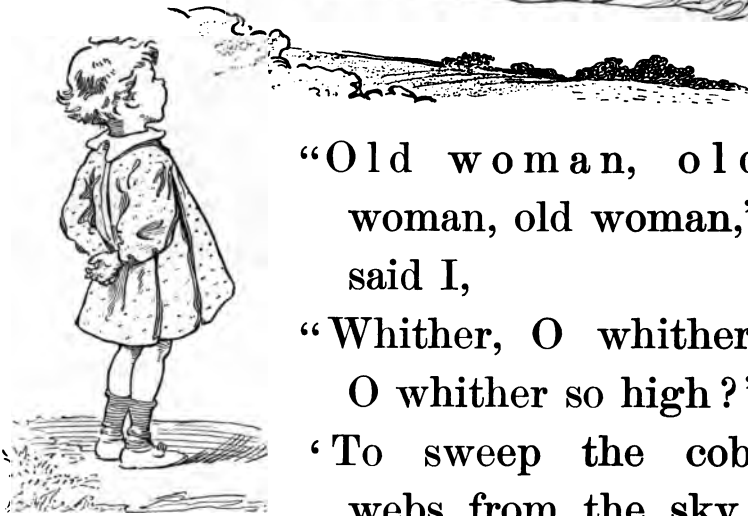
When Tweedle-dum met Tweedle-dee,  
He said, "How do you do, sir?"  
When Tweedle-dee met Tweedle-dum,  
He said, "Good-day to you, sir."



Star light, star bright,  
Brightest star I've seen    ☆    ☆  
to-night,  
I wish I may, I wish I might  
Have this wish I wish to-night.







“Old woman, old  
 woman, old woman,”  
 said I,  
 “Whither, O whither,  
 O whither so high?”  
 ‘To sweep the cob-  
 webs from the sky,  
 And I’ll be with you by and by.”

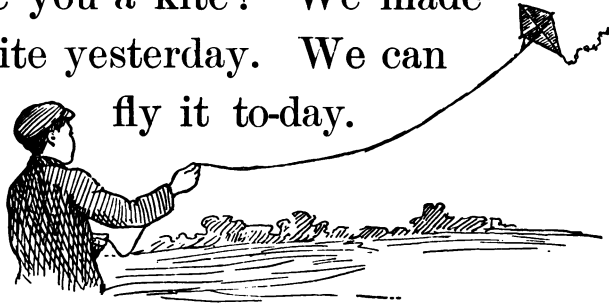
Frank has a nickel. What do you suppose he will do with it? How much is a dime?

Papa gave baby a little rake and a little spade. She likes to rake in the garden. She rakes up the weeds. Then she puts them in her little wheelbarrow and wheels them away.



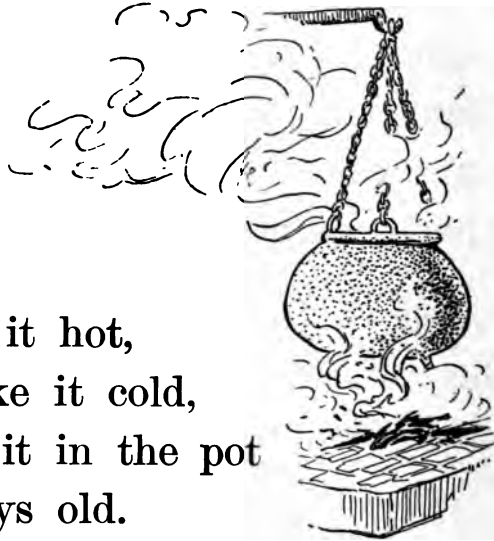
I have a coaster. I can coast down the steepest hill. Here we come. Clear the road.

Have you a kite? We made a big kite yesterday. We can fly it to-day.





Peas porridge hot,  
Peas porridge cold,  
Peas porridge in the pot  
Nine days old.



Some like it hot,  
Some like it cold,  
Some like it in the pot  
Nine days old.

There was an old woman  
Lived under the hill,  
And if she's not gone,  
She lives there still.





Carl lives on a farm.

He rides to school in a pony cart.  
His papa gave him the cart.

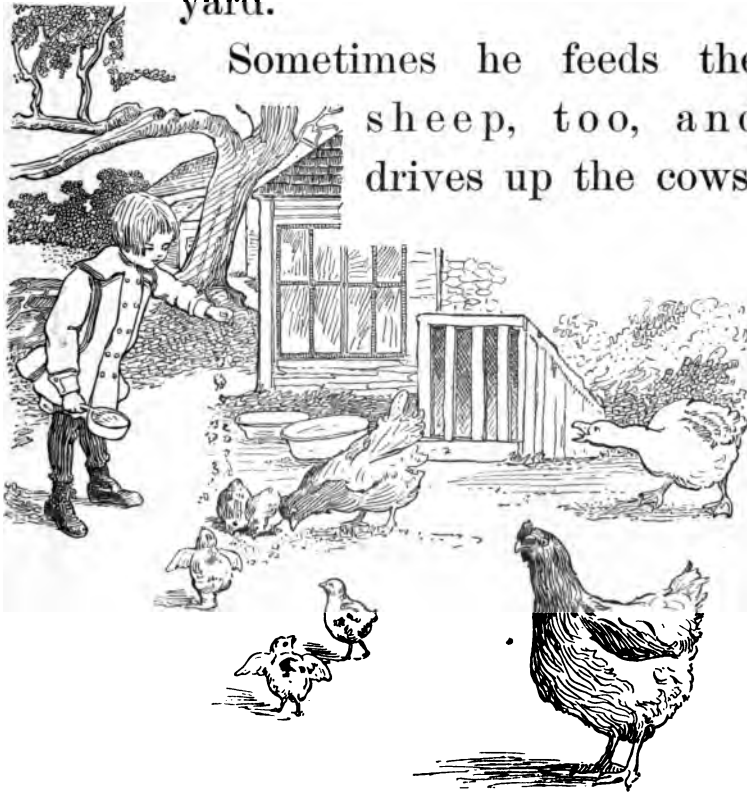
When Carl goes to school he puts  
the cart under a big tree.

He ties the pony with a long rope.  
Then the pony can eat the grass and  
can run and play.

When Carl goes home he puts the  
cart in the big red barn.

Then he feeds the pony some hay and some grain. The pony goes to bed in the barn.

Carl feeds the hens and the ducks and the geese. They live in the farm-yard.



Sometimes he feeds the sheep, too, and drives up the cows.

Carl went to the park one day. His papa and mamma went too.

They rode in the car. It was too far to walk.

They took some lunch and stayed all day. Mamma said: "This jar of jam is for papa. Papa likes jam."

But Carl liked the peach tarts best.

"Peach tarts for me," said Carl.





They saw a little squirrel run up into a tree.

Papa said, "Perhaps the squirrel wants some of your tarts, Carl."

And Carl said, "Here, little squirrel; here is a tart for you."

But the squirrel was afraid.

"Don't be afraid, little squirrel," said Carl. "Here is something for you. Come and get it."

But the squirrel ran away and hid in his hole.



Carl saw the men march in the park. They marched under a big arch. It was trimmed with flags.

The band played when the men marched.

It was dark when Carl and his papa and mamma left the park.

They saw the bright stars shine.

Carl said, "The stars look like sparks up in the sky."



Three blind mice,  
Three blind mice,  
See how they run,  
See how they run,  
They all run after



the farmer's wife.

She cut off their tails with a carving  
knife.

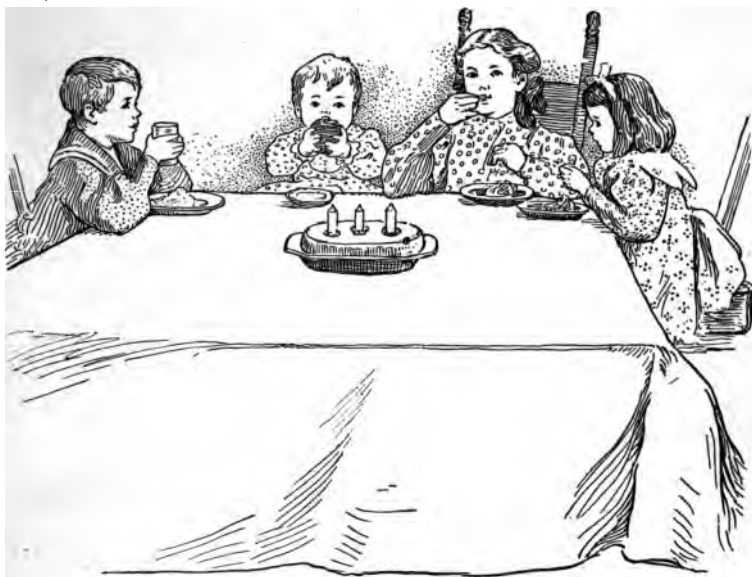
Did you ever see such fun in your life,  
As three blind mice?



Bobby Shaftoe's gone to sea,  
Silver buckles on his knee.



If all the seas were one sea,  
What a great sea that would be!  
And if all the trees were one tree,  
What a great tree that would be!  
And if all the axes were one ax,  
What a great ax that would be!  
And if all the men were one man,  
What a great man he would be!  
And if the great man took the  
great ax,  
And cut down the great tree,  
And let it fall into the great sea,  
What a splish-splash that would be!



Baby's birthday came on Saturday.

Mamma made her a big birthday cake. It had white frosting on it. We all helped to stir the cake.

We had pink ice cream for the birthday dinner, too.

We ate the birthday dinner under the big fir trees. We had pretty green ferns for the carpet.

The little birds sang in the fir trees. One little bird said, “Chirp, chirp, chirp.”

We gave the birds some of the birthday cake.

Baby's kitten came to the birthday dinner. Baby said, “You must not hurt the birds, pussy.” And pussy said, “Purr, purr.”



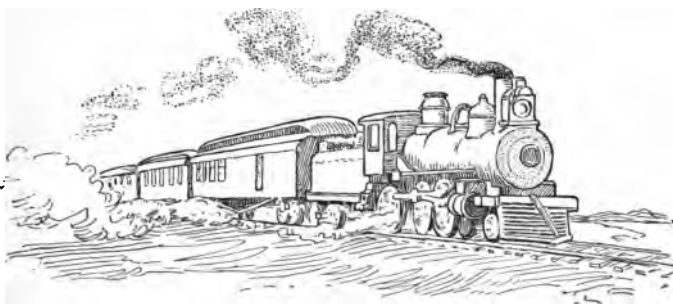
We are going out to Uncle Will's farm to stay all day.

Uncle Will's name is Mr. Brown, but we call him Uncle Will.

Grandpa lives at Uncle Will's house. My papa lived there, too, when he was a little boy.

I like to go out to the farm. We have such good times there. I am so glad that we can go to-day.

We must ride down town in the street car. Then we shall take the train.



We stay in the train until we are far out from town.

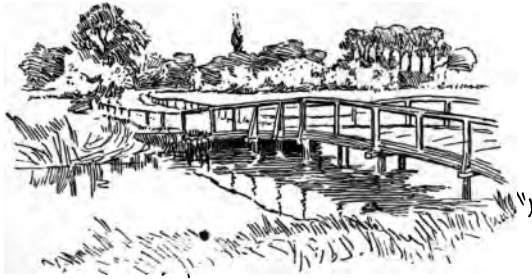
When the train stops we can see the farm.

We can see Uncle Will's big brown house, and the big red barn too.



Here we are at home again. We have had such a good time.

Uncle Will let us help plow. We plowed up and down three times.



Then we went down to the river. We saw some trout, but we did not catch any.

Then we played in the barn and hid in the hay.

We saw a big brown owl  
up in the barn. We  
saw a little mouse  
too.





We looked for the little mouse's nest in the hay, but we could not find it.

The next time that we go to the farm Uncle Will will teach us how to swim.

May we go next Saturday?





Jack and Jill  
Went up the hill  
To get a pail of water.  
Jack fell down  
And broke his crown,  
And Jill came tumbling after.

Dickery, dickery,

dock,

The mouse ran up

the clock.

The clock struck one,

The mouse ran down,

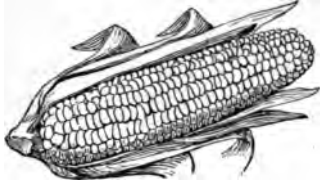
Dickery, dickery, dock.



Hark, hark! the dogs do bark,  
The beggars are coming to town.  
Some in rags,  
And some in tags,  
And some in velvet gowns.



Drum! Drum!  
Here they come,  
Some with horses prancing;  
One can walk, and one can talk,  
And one can go a-dancing.



Pip, pip, pop,  
Hear the corn pop!  
See the big white ones  
All on top.

Out in the storm  
we go,  
We don't mind, oh  
no!

It will do us no  
harm,

Our coats are warm,  
Out in the storm we go.



This is the maiden all  
forlorn

That milked the cow  
with the crumpled horn.

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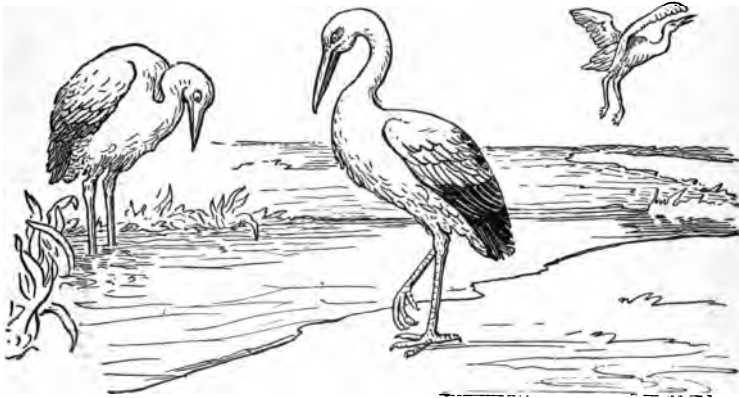
Point to the northwest.

Point to the southwest.

Point to the southeast.

Point to the south.

Did you ever see a picture of a stork? What is a stork?

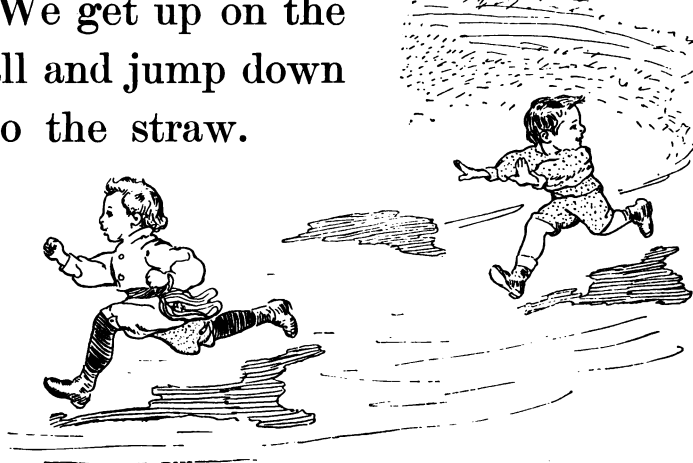


When we go to see Paul we have such fun.

Paul has a tent on the lawn. We play in the tent sometimes, but we like to play hide and go seek best.

The horse stall is a good place to hide.

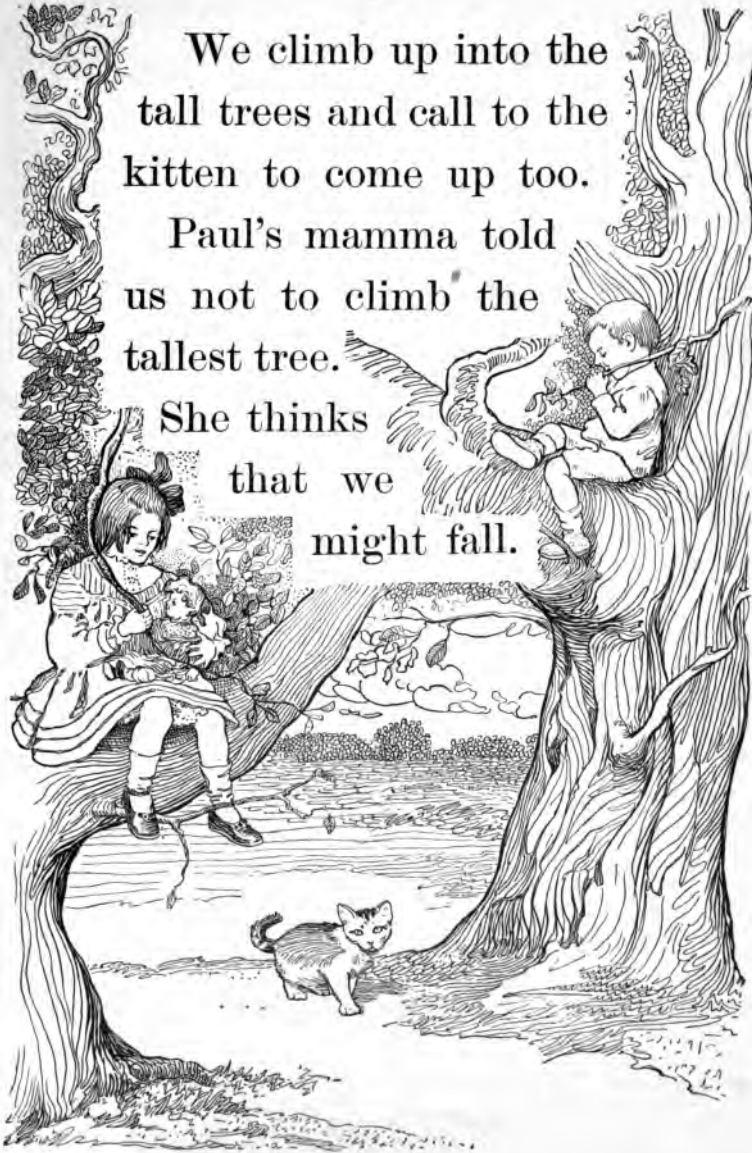
We get up on the wall and jump down into the straw.



We climb up into the  
tall trees and call to the  
kitten to come up too.

Paul's mamma told  
us not to climb the  
tallest tree.

She thinks  
that we  
might fall.





Maud is Paul's baby sister. She is a cunning baby.

She cannot talk much. She can say "Mamma" and "Paul" and "Baby."

She can walk a little, but she cannot walk far.

When baby Maud gets tired we make a straw bed for her. We haul the straw in Paul's little cart.

Then we put a shawl over her and tell her to go to sleep.



Sometimes we sing to her. We sing,  
“Sleep, baby, sleep.”

One day she did go to sleep. Then  
we called Paul’s mamma to see her.  
She said, “Thank you, little nurses,  
for putting my baby to sleep.”

While we play hide and go seek  
Maud plays with her pet kitten.

She has a ball on a string. The  
kitten hits the ball with her  
paw.

Sometimes the kitten puts  
her claws in the ball. Then  
she lets Maud haul her  
across the lawn.





Little Boy Blue, come  
blow your horn.

The sheep's in the meadow,  
The cow's in the corn.

Did you see the dew on the grass?

Come and pick a few of these pretty flowers.

We have some new books to read.

The wind blew an oak tree down.

These ferns grew in the woods.

We drew a picture of our house.

Please get me a screw. I want to screw this lid on.



There was a crooked man and he  
went a crooked mile,  
He found a crooked sixpence against  
a crooked stile,  
He had a crooked cat which caught  
a crooked mouse,  
And they all lived together in a  
little crooked house.

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.  
All the king's horses and all the king's  
men  
Could n't put Humpty Dumpty to-  
gether again.



“Come and play keep house,” said Nell one day. “I shall be the mother and you must all be my children.



“We must sweep the house and make it clean. Grace, you may dust, and baby can help you. She likes to help dust. Here is her little duster.

“Now the house is all clean and we must get dinner. The boys can make a fire in the stove.

They must chop the kindling and bring in some coal. Here is the coal scuttle.

“Now, children, what shall we have for dinner?”

“Apple dumplings,” said Fred.

“Chocolate cake,” said Grace.

“Lemon pie,” said Rob.

“Ice cream,” said Frank.

“Lemonade,” said May.

“Very well,” said Mamma Nell.

“We can bake the cake in this pan.

Here is some nice  
brown sand for  
the chocolate.

“These stones  
will do for the  
apples. You may  
peel them, Rob,  
and make the  
dumplings.



“Now the apples are all peeled. Put  
these big dumplings in and cook them.  
Don’t let them burn.

“That’s a nice hot fire.





“Frank can freeze the ice cream. Fred must make us a big pitcher of lemonade. What a nice dinner it will be!

“I suppose I must have some bread and butter too,” said Mamma Nell, “or my children will all get sick.

“Now we must set the table. Here are the dishes. These big leaves will make good plates.

“Perhaps these little sticks will do for knives and forks.

“Pick some violets, baby, and put them in this vase.



Now ring the dinner bell.”



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(2) phonetic words, which the preliminary blackboard drill should enable the child to read without assistance.

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have	saw	this
a	girl	is
ball	ship	green
book	sun	my
doll	tree	black
nut	bird	pink
top	nest	yellow
mamma	the	car
papa	boy	cow
baby	fish	violet
has	moon	horse
chair	some	white
cane	ice	cat
broom	run	dog
kitten	we	can
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